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various corporations and their agents. It restates articles of a corporation so as to make very sure that they are effective when they are filed with the Secretary of State. It sets forth filing requirements for the relocation of authoritative foreign corporations when they are within one city, when they have registry agents within one city. It revises the names of voluntary corporate dissolutions.

The second, and major feature of the bill is that it changes the fee schedule which I will not go into at length, except to tell you that it sets forth, and in the committee statement in your book it will suffice to say that these fees have not been changed for at least thirty years that we know of. With the spiralling inflation, the costs of running an office such as the Secretary of States Appropriation Division, it is felt that it is high time that these particular fees be increased. Most states have already done this within the last three to five years, so we will be in line with other states also when the articles of a corporation are filed. You might be interested to know that this would increase revenue to the general fund of the State of Nebraska by everywhere from two to five million dollars a year, depending upon the increase in numbers of documents filed, the increase in corporations. If it keeps at the steady pace it is going now it'll probably be about 2.8 million dollars increase per year to the general file.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further debate or discussion?
Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I guess just a little comment and perhaps a question. This was generated by a personal experience last week when I had a constituent call me and ask me to get some papers copied from the Secretary of States office. It wound up being ten pieces of paper and I got a bill for three dollars, which is very good, but that's three times as much as it would cost to have done in private enterprise where recopying the same paper. Now I see where they want to raise it 50¢ per sheet. It seems to me that it's out of order to charge the citizens of the State of Nebraska, that want services from state government, more for that service than it ought to be costing. That's the apprehension I want to express concerning this total bill. All the things involved I'm not familiar with, but that for one I am. Maybe Senator Luedtke would want to respond to that. Certainly if a citizen of Nebraska comes in to the Secretary of States office and wants something that he has a right to have, he shouldn't have to pay five times the cost that it would cost him if he had the papers out having them reproduced by private enterprise.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, colleagues. A question of Senator Luedtke. (mic turned off)

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly, could you find another microphone, that isn't working for some reason or another. The Chair had nothing to do with it Senator Kelly.

(microphones not working)